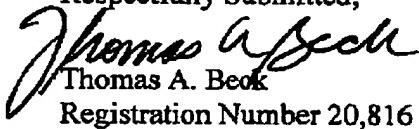


**REMARKS**

The Examiner is requested to pass this case to issue with Claim 16 serving as the allowed claim.  
Applicants reserve their right to file a continuation application to cover the non-allowed claims.

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